

# Advanced Camp

*A few words from COL Richard H. Mackey taken from Warrior Leader, June 7, 1998:*

During Advanced Camp you will participate in training, be given multiple opportunities to lead and develop your leadership potential in tough, challenging situations, and finally, you will have that potential evaluated.

Camp has been designed to test your physical, mental and emotional stamina. You will learn how to conduct training to Army standards and what it means to be part of a winning team.

The success you achieve will be determined by the level of cooperation, commitment and support displayed by you and the members of your squad and platoon. No matter what we do in our Army, we do it as part of a team. Therefore, learn and grow together.

Remember, the purpose of this camp is to produce trained, confident and competent cadets and candidates who are ready to accept the responsibilities of a commissioned officer.

The mission is to structure the environment so that you achieve that desired end state. So, you are not in this all alone. There is going to be a sense of apprehension and concern when you first arrive. That's understandable. It's called fear of the unknown and it is a very healthy human condition. It is driven by a desire to perform well. Rest assured, we are not going to ask you do anything that you have not been trained to do, either at your home station or here at camp. Just do your best and don't settle for anything less.

What you do will determine if you have what it takes to become a leader in our Army.

*Remember “When in charge, take charge.”*

## Earn the Coveted RECONDO Badge

For those who are willing to accept a unique and exhilarating challenge, confidence training provides each cadet with the opportunity to earn and wear the distinctive RECONDO Badge.

To earn this award, which signifies training excellence, the challenger must achieve each of the following:

- Execute all confidence training presented on the day of execution at prescribed standard.
- Have no waivers on any events throughout camp.
- Score 255 or above on the Army Physical Fitness Test, without retest.
- Achieve a score of 80 percent on written and practical (cumulative day and night) land navigation proficiency tests without retest.
- Qualify as marksman (23+) or above in Basic Rifle Marksmanship.
- Pass both squad STX lane evaluations and one Platoon STX evaluation with a minimum rating of satisfactory.
- Receive satisfactory or above summary ratings for all 16 leadership dimensions for camp.
- Complete the Mini-Assault Course and the ITT Assault Course successfully.
- Complete the Hand Grenade and Machine Gun Assault Courses successfully.